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North Dakota County Organization
Successfully Controls Mange Outbreak.

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EFFECTIVE EXTENSION ORGANIZATION and cooperation aided North Dakota to control successfully an outbreak of mange. The discovery of a single case in Eddy County led the county agent to seek the source of infection, which he found to be in the stable of a certain professional horse trader. The agent obtained from the trader the names of 67 farmers with whom he had traded horses. A survey of the horses owned by these farmers showed wide prevalence of mange. To make plans for combating the disease, a meeting of farmers whose horses were infected was held in the county extension office.

Plans Adopted.

- (1) Circulation among freeholders of a petition by the farmers asking the county commissioners to construct a dipping tank.
- (2) Construction of a dipping tank at a central point in the county at county expense and provision of facilities for dipping 500 horses.
- (3) Cooperation with the State Livestock Sanitary Board in suppressing the outbreak.
- (4) Educational campaign to teach farmers how to recognize mange and apply the remedy.

Results.

- (1) A petition was submitted to the county commissioners signed by 300 freeholders.
- (2) Money was appropriated to construct a tank and purchase crude oil.
- (3) Two veterinarians were employed to supervise the mixing of the emulsion.

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- (4) The enterprise was given publicity by the newspapers.
- (5) Educational meetings were held throughout the county.
- (6) Farms where the owner refused to dip his horses were quarantined by the State Livestock Sanitary Board.
- (7) One thousand six hundred and forty-three horses were dipped for mange, and 159 head of cattle were dipped for lice.
- (8) A special barrel was provided for dipping harness, collars, halters, and ties.
- (9) Each farmer was given instructions in disinfecting his premises and furnished with a supply of crude oil.

This enterprise is an excellent example of effective extension organization and cooperation, the harmonious cooperation with the State Livestock Sanitary Board particularly showing proper relationship between educational and regulatory agencies.

Distribution to extension directors,
State and assistant State county agent
leaders, and county agricultural agents
east of the Mississippi River.